

**STATEMENT OF BASIS
PERMIT MODIFICATION
OCEAN GOLD SEAFOODS INC., NPDES PERMIT NO WA0041971**

The permit calls for a repeat of the original acute and toxic whole effluent testing program to be conducted in 2004 before permit renewal. A review of the results of the original WET testing by the permit writer and Ecology's effluent toxicity specialist shows no reason why a second test should be conducted. In order to speed up permit renewal and save expense, this unnecessary test will be not be required.

The acute toxicity effluent characterization submittals due April 30, 2004 and September 30, 2004 are removed from the permit Summary of Submittals, page 4, and section S.6, page 14.

The chronic toxicity effluent characterization submittals due April 30, 2004 and September 30, 2004 are removed from the permit Summary of Submittals, page 4, and section S7, page 18.